

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on July 14, 2016, at 2111 W. Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Vic Kelson, Barbara McKinney, and Kim Alexander. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Chief Joel Bomgardner and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

AGENDA

Barbara moved to accept the agenda as presented. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2016, board meeting as presented. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2016, board meeting as presented. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Board Representative: Vic nominates Kim to serve as the Bloomington Township Board representative for the Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory. Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Selection of Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Community Representative: Vic nominates Geoff McKim to serve as the Bloomington Township community representative for the Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory. Kim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Amend Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory Agreement: The original agreement between Bloomington and Washington Townships stated that money remaining in the Fire Fund must be transferred to the Territory General Fire Fund by July 1, 2016. The Fire Territory Fund will not exist until January 2017. The agreement will be amended to reflect that date. Vic moves to amend the Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory agreement. Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2016-2017 Township Assistance Guidelines: Lillian discussed the minor changes made to the Township Assistance Guidelines. The biggest change to note is that the hours a client must work to be exempt from workfare has been reduced from 35 hours per week to 30 hours per week. The reasoning behind this change is to match the hours required by the Affordable Care Act for an employee to be eligible for health care. Barbara moved to approve the 2016-2017 Township Assistance Guidelines. Vic seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Corrected 2016 Salary Resolution: Lillian explained there was a mistake on the Salary Resolution that was signed at the June 9 Board meeting. The mistake has been corrected and a new resolution must be submitted to the County. Barbara moved to approve the corrected Salary Resolution. Vic seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest: Joel explained that carpet is being purchased and installed in the office area at Station 5. One of our full time firefighters, Travis Terry, owns a flooring business and will be installing the carpeting. A conflict of interest statement has been submitted by the employee. Vic moved to accept the conflict of interest statement from Travis Terry. Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 Budget Workshop: Lillian discussed the budget handouts and highlighted the major changes. Those changes include increasing the burial and housing lines in the Direct Assistance Fund. Additional changes include increasing the legal and community services lines in Township Assistance. Discussion ensued and specific questions were addressed. Personnel and salaries were discussed along with the new IT Specialist position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Trustee: Lillian discussed the ongoing contract negotiations with Benton Township. Vic moves that \$130,000 is the final offer for a contract with Benton Township. Kim seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Board reiterated their commitment to ensuring that Benton Township has fire protection.

Lillian reported the ongoing issues with Dearmin Cemetery. One of the neighboring properties is pending sale and we have been involved due to the lack of a stake survey. Lillian stated her plans to have a stake survey completed and the possible construction of a fence.

Lillian discussed the agenda for the upcoming Fire Territory Executive Committee meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Joel Bomgardner reported that Jason Allen is our first new hire for the Territory. His first day will be August 2. The second hire, Matt Fisher, has been selected and will begin his employment in September.

Joel added that the open Captain position has been posted, and it is anticipated that we will have someone in place by the first week of September.

He has asked Chief Transition Office Faron Livingston to attend the Executive Committee meeting to update the Committee on the status of acquiring land for a station in Washington Township.

Joel reported that a Transition Team has been created to aid in the formation of the Fire Territory. The Transition Team will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, July 20, at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18.

Vic Kelson, Secretary